has been estimated at 8.65 million as on 31st March, 2001 and 8.42 million as on 31st March, 2003.

(d) and (e) Tenth Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities during 2002-07. To create employment potential, Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors for development such as agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health. In addition to above, National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched recently. National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill has also been introduced in the Parliament.

Annual Plan outlay for States

4589. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the annual plans outlay allocated by Government for the various States during the last three years; and

(b) the effective measures being taken by Government to release the funds to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) : (a) Statement indicating the Approved Annual Plan Outlays of States for the last three years viz., 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Effective measures taken for release of Normal Central Assistance for the Annual Plans of States is early issuance of sanction order by Ministry of Finance, usually on the first working day of the month concerned or the last working day of the preceding month if the first working day of the month concerned is a holiday. In the case of release of programme specific funds, releases are made according to guidelines of the scheme concerned. Usually, first instalment is released on sanction following approval of Annual Plan by Planning Commission and the rest of the instalments are released on submission of utilisation statements for the previous instalment released. In the case of delay in approval of the Annual Plan of States, Ministry of Finance releases Normal Central Assistance at the previous year's rate.

Statement

Approved Annual Plan Outlay of States for 2002-03, 2003-04 *and* 2004-05

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States	Annual Plan 2002-03	Annual Plan 2003-04	Annual Plan 2004-05
1		2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10100.00	10970.46	12790.43
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	676.00	708.00	760.35
3.	Assam	1750.00	1780.00	2175.00
4.	Bihar	2964.40	3320.00	4000.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	1757.00	2335.00	3322.46
6.	Goa	586.00	650.00	883.33
7.	Gujarat	7600.00	7860.00	8518.21
8.	Haryana	2034.00	2068.00	2305.71
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1840.00	1335.00	1400.38
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2265.15	2500.00	3008.03
11.	Jharkhand	2651.94	2935.85	4110.19
12.	Karnataka	8610.61	9620.00	12322.92
13.	Kerala	4026.00	4430.00	4852.03
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4821.00	5703.00	6709/96
15.	Maharashtra	11562.00	12050.00	9446.73
16.	Manipur	550.00	590.00	787.72
17.	Meghalaya	545.00	555.00	716.34
18.	Mizoram	430.00	480.00	616.52
19.	Nagaland	424.00	500.00	538.79
20.	Orissa	3100.00	3200.00	2500.00
21.	Punjab	2793.00	2822.00	3479.80
22.	Rajasthan	5160.00	4258.00	6797.50
23.	Sikkim	350.00	405.00	491.07
24.	Tamil Nadu	5750.00	7000.00	8001.00
25.	Tripura	625.00	650.00	700.27
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7250.00	7728.00	9661.51
27.	Uttaranchal	1533.13	1575.00	1810.40
28.	West Bengal	6307.00	3894.00	5019.62
	TOTAL (States)	98061.23	101922.31	117726.27